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In re Application of:  
**Francis PETIT et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/554,772**

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Title: **USE OF KETOLIDES FOR  
PREVENTING ARTERIAL  
THROMBOTIC COMPLICATIONS  
RELATED TO ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

As part of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please consider the  
amendment presented for the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of  
this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.